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1. On 15 October 1953, a young man of the class of 1932 who lived in Sofia and had not performed any previous military service, was called up.
2. Between 15 and 18 October 1953, several young men 21-23 years old, who had been granted deferments for studies, were called up.
3. The call-up in October 1953 affected the last group from the class of 1933, the entire 1934 class, and a small portion of the 1935 class.
4. the call-ups between 15 and 19 October 1953, involved a large portion of the class of 1934 and a second group from this class would be called up in the spring of 1954.¹
5. During the week of 27 September to 3 October 1953, a large number of officers and men from the reserves, who came from various classes, were told to report to several military installations in the city of Sofia. These notices were handed out at night, two or three days prior to the date set for reporting, and stated that this consisted merely of a check. The reservists were only held a few hours during which time they were questioned concerning their military service and their civilian employment. Among the questions asked of them was one regarding the means of getting in touch with them by telephone.²
6. The summer camp of Troyan has been entirely evacuated.³

 Comments:

1. The call-ups which occurred in the Sofia area between 15 and 18 October 1953, also took place apparently throughout Bulgaria. They involved a large portion of the class of 1934 as well as a number of men deferred for study reasons. It is possible that certain individuals from the class of 1933 who, although not deferred, had not been called up previously, and several young men of the class of 1935 took part in this general call-up. Thus, the majority of the

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class of 1934, which had gone before the examining commission in March 1953, entered military service in October 1953. These two months (March and October) are those decreed by the law of 23 September 1949 as the times for passing before the examining commission and for entry into military service. However, the class of 1934 is one year ahead of the age call-up schedule fixed by this same law. It is therefore confirmed that the Bulgarian General Staff has, between Autumn 1949 and Autumn 1952, gradually lowered the age of call-up for military service from 20 to 19.

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